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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the creation of the post of Commissioner for Settlement and Land Records.

ORDER No. 3204-9—C. B. 254-46-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 8TH JANUARY 1947.

Under the existing orders, the Revenue Commissioner is also the Commissioner for Settlement and Land Records. Government consider it desirable that the two appointments should be separated and they are accordingly pleased to direct that the Department of Settlement and Land Records be placed in charge of a senior officer who will be full-time Commissioner for Settlement and Land Records.

2. The post of Superintendent, Land Records, Survey and Settlement, is abolished from the date from which the full-time Commissioner assumes charge.

3. Orders will issue separately appointing an officer to this post.

V. VEDAVYASACHARYA, *Chief Secy.*

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Revises the Grade Pay of the Non-Civil Service District Excise Officers.

ORDER No. S. R. 2502-12—EX. 69-46-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 6TH JANUARY 1947.

Government are pleased to direct that the grade pay of the Non-Civil Service District Excise Officers be revised from Rs. 200-40/2-400 to Rs. 250-40/2-450 with effect from 27th December 1946.

J. B. MALLARADHYA, *Rev. Secy.*

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Transfer of the work relating to the sale of agricultural implements, manures, etc., to the Co-operative Societies in the State.

READ—

Letter No. 19681-C. S. 45-46, dated 21st May 1946, from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies recommending the transfer to the co-operative societies of the work relating to the sale of agricultural implements and manures.

Correspondence ending with U. O. Note No. 1. D. 197—46-47, dated 7th August 1946, from the Director of Agriculture expressing his views on the proposal for the transfer of the work relating to the sale of agricultural implements, manures, etc., to the co-operative societies in the State.

U. O. Note No. 2127—C. S., dated the 26th August 1946, from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

U. O. Note No. 223, dated the 14th November 1946, from the Comptroller to Government on the same subject.

ORDER No. A. F. 3825-7—AGRI. 219-45-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 7TH JANUARY 1947.

Under the existing arrangements, the work in regard to the sale of manure, seeds and agricultural implements to the raiyats is being attended to by the Agricultural Inspectors in charge of the agricultural depots. This arrangement is reported to have denied to the raiyats and land-holders the services of the Agricultural Inspectors in technical matters. With the object of remedying this defect and releasing the Agricultural Inspectors and staff for more scientific work, proposals were called for from the Director of Agriculture and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies so as to relieve the Agricultural Inspectors of the charge of the Depots and to entrust the work of selling manure and implements to the Co-operative Societies on a commission basis.

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has, in consultation with the Director of Agriculture, proposed that the work relating to the sale of implements and manure and seeds may be transferred to the Co-operative Societies on the following conditions:—

1. In places where the societies take up the depot work, the sales in the depots of the Department of Agriculture will cease.

2. The materials (agricultural implements and manures) will be delivered at the godowns of the societies at taluk headquarters.

3. A commission of 6¼ per cent will be allowed to the societies by the Department of Agriculture on all sales of implements.

4. Implements will be supplied to the societies by the Department of Agriculture according to demands in the area.

5. The term 'implements' includes cart materials also.

6. The societies will be responsible for the proper accounting and distribution of the stocks and for their safety.

7. The societies will be bound to follow the rules and instructions that may be issued in respect of the sales of the materials by the Director of Agriculture.

8. The stocks are liable to be withdrawn if the society is found to violate any of the rules or instructions issued in respect of sales.

9. The stocks entrusted to the society will be treated as on consignment account.

10. The society will have to pay once a month the proceeds of the sales during the previous month after deducting the commission due to the society on such sales and furnish a statement of accounts.

11. The society shall be bound to allow a commission of not less than 2 per cent to each individual purchaser in respect of all sales of agricultural implements and other materials (excluding manures).

12. In respect of manures, the Department of Agriculture will undertake to supply to the societies from time to time such quantities as may be required in the areas served by the societies, and a commission of one per cent on the sales will be allowed to the societies. The societies will sell the manures to the agriculturists, in accordance with Government Order No. A. F. 544-68—Agri. 290-42-2, dated 30th July 1943, etc., under the Grow More Food Campaign. On these sales also, the societies will be allowed a commission of one per cent.

The Director of Agriculture, who was further consulted in the matter, has agreed to the above proposals.

The Comptroller to Government, who was also consulted, is of opinion that the proposals of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies may be given a trial for a year or two and thereafter, in the light of experience gained, the question of increasing the addition to cost price in fixing the selling rate or reducing the commission to the societies or discount to the raiyats may be considered. According to the present proposals, the societies at taluk headquarters get a commission of 4¼ per cent on their own retail sales, while the rural societies get 2¼ per cent. The Comptroller suggests that even in the case of the former only 2¼ per cent may be allowed on the retail sales made by them to the raiyats and the retail selling rates maintained uniform, so as to prevent undue profit to these societies, thereby discouraging rural retail sales.

As regards transactions with the societies as on the consignment basis, the Comptroller considers that from the accounts point of view, the work in the Central Implement Depot will not be increased if the stocks are entrusted to the societies on a consignment basis. Even at present they should have kept individual accounts for all the Range Depots to exercise supervision over them and on the consignment system also the same number of accounts will be maintained as it is concerned only with the societies at taluk headquarters. Besides, the department is bound to feel greater responsibility under this system to supervise the work of the societies constantly. For these reasons, the consignment system is considered to be more desirable than the present arrangement.

In the circumstances, Government are pleased to accept the proposals for the transfer of the work relating to the sale of agricultural implements, seed, etc., to the raiyats from the agricultural depots to the co-operative societies, as agreed to by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, on the terms suggested by the Comptroller and to direct that the scheme be tried for a period of one year in the first instance, the position being reviewed at the end of the period. They further direct that as a result of this arrangement the extra staff now given to the depots be reduced and some small subvention be given to the societies to encourage them to take up this work. Proposals in this behalf may be submitted by the Director of Agriculture for the orders of Government.

The Director of Agriculture and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies are requested to take immediate further action in the matter and to forward a report for the information of Government. The Registrar is also requested to see that only such of the societies which are functioning efficiently and in which he has confidence, are entrusted with this work. He will also see that proper accounts are kept by the societies in regard to these transactions. The Registrar is requested to send a list of societies to which he proposes to entrust this work for the information of Government. The Director is further requested to instruct the Assistant Directors to keep a close watch over the transactions, and bring malpractices, if any, in this respect to the notice of Government, through the usual channels.

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Genl. Secy.*

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Directs that the rates of Dearness and High Price (War) Allowances be increased by 50 per cent in the case of Gazetted Officers drawing a pay not more than Rs. 250 per mensem.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. C1-64—S. & A., dated the 20th July 1946, sanctioning enhancement of the rates of Dearness and High Price (War) Allowances by 50 per cent in respect of all NON-GAZETTED Staff, with effect from 1st July 1946, until further orders.

ORDER NO. Fl. 5315-5385—S. & A. 88-46-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 10TH JANUARY 1947.

Government are pleased to direct that the increase by 50 per cent in the rates of dearness and high price (war) allowances be granted in respect of all Gazetted Officers also drawing a pay not more than Rs. 250 per mensem with effect from 1st July 1946, until further orders.

M. SHAMANNA, *Finl. Secy.*

LAW SECRETARIAT

Reviews the Administration Report of the Muzrai Department for the year 1945-46.

READ—

Letter No. Nl. Per. A. 20—46-47, dated the 5th November 1946, from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding his report on the administration of the Muzrai Department for the year 1945-46.

ORDER NO. R. 6224-36—Muz. 117-46-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 8TH JANUARY 1947.

Recorded.

2. *Demand, Collection and Balance in respect of Properties pertaining to Institutions under Government Management.*—The total demand including the arrears of previous year (Rs. 1,56,399-1-10) in respect of the properties of institutions under Government management amounted to Rs. 4,48,587-2-5. A sum of Rs. 2,82,258-1-5 was collected and Rs. 5,137-5-8 was remitted during the year leaving a balance of Rs. 1,61,191-11-4 at the close of the year. The heaviest arrears are in the Bangalore District. The arrears pertaining to Shimoga, Tumkur and Hassan Districts continue to be heavy being over Rs. 20,000 in all cases and have in fact increased when compared to the figures for the previous year. The necessity for a substantial reduction of these arrears immediately by taking sustained and vigorous steps should be impressed upon the local Muzrai Officers.